

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8-11 as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for forming an optical element comprising the steps of:

forming on a substrate a multilayer film composed of ~~alternating layers of~~ high refractive index material and low refractive index material to control a phase and an amplitude of emerging rays; and

~~irradiating the resulting element and detecting phase and amplitude of emerging rays;~~
and

adjusting a wavefront phase of the emerging rays by cutting away a portion of ~~a surface~~ thereby ~~roughening the surface of~~ the multilayer film in accordance with an amount of adjustment of the wavefront phase.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~An optical element forming~~ A method according to claim 8, wherein the multilayer film is formed in a number of cycles larger than that necessary to saturate a reflectance.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~An optical element forming~~ A method according to claim 8, wherein cutting-away of the multilayer film is controlled by detecting a difference between a ~~plurality of materials~~ material that forms the multilayer film.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~[[An]]~~ A method for forming an optical element
~~forming method,~~ comprising the steps of:

forming on a substrate a multilayer film composed of ~~alternating layers of high~~
refractive index material and low refractive index material in a number of cycles larger than
that necessary to saturate a reflectance;

forming a correction film on the multilayer film; and

~~irradiating the resulting element and detecting emerging rays; and~~

cutting away a portion of ~~a surface thereby roughening the surface of~~ the correction film
or the correction film and the multilayer film in accordance with an amount of adjustment of a
wavefront phase of emerging rays.

Claims 12-27 (canceled)

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